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Kicked Into Doing Their Duty.

The Democrats in the House of Representatives have displayed neither sagacity nor skill in their treatment of the resolutions calling for investi gation of the circumstances surrounding the leak of President Witson's note to the belligerent nations. They retreated from one untenable position to another equally indefensible, continually losing prestige, until were compelled, admittedly against their wills, to authorize the inquiry they should have invited at the first suggestion of scandal.

They now have ample authority from the House to prosecute an exthe task with their motive in question and their sincerity under sus picion. The opportunity that was opened to them on December 22 has been lost, and their tardy act of January 13 discloses them as reluctantly conforming their conduct to an irre sistible demand in resistance to which they have exhausted every device within their power.

The Democratic majority in the House wears the unenviable and undignified fame of a body of statesmen who asked to be kicked into the performance of their duty.

Opportunity for a Disinterested Statesman.

that the direct primary is cumberaich might profitably be spent for former lifelong position. other purposes.

Mr. Brown as leader of the Senate list than now exist.

The election laws have been bedevilled in behalf of a noisy minority puzzle to the ordinary elector, and it for the interests of the overwhelming majority of those who go to the polls.

Not Too Late in Mexico.

Whether or not General CARRANZA elects to sign the protocol concluded against the appointment of a man by his commissioners with American commissioners is a matter of importance principally to the Administration in Washington and to General CARRANZA himself. If he assents the research work or training of his asjoint commission will be reconvened sistant. We have seen this type of and the struggle of the Administration to adjust our Mexican relations will go on indefinitely. We do not be-Heve that any one, least of all Prest- watch in hand go through the private dent Wilson, has a specific end in ward. We have seen the wagon conview. The diplomatic conversations, the agreeable meetings by the seashore, the conferences at the State geon is visiting at that point, while Department and elsewhere, have achieved and seem likely to achieve nothing except an innocuous expenditure of time and a lingering expenditure of energy. It is plain as daylight that these affairs proceed from has never abandoned the policy of watchful waiting.

The great fact to which the American people must meanwhile accustom themselves is the presence in Mexico of a people with ideals, aims, purposes and ambitions profoundly difpirations have not yet taken shape; it is impossible to lay the finger on a principle of government and say: discussed by Dr. Goldwater. "Mexico wants this." At present all Mexico knows is that she does not want anything the United States suggests. This is a deplorable situation pended upon ward patients without position since Wagner was called by and it is one which the Administration hardly recognizes. It suggests tunities afforded in reputation and man beer barrel." DEBUSSY evokes that the less we offer in the way of

avoid further embitterments.

safety of American lives and property to such an insistence pretty late in the may be got by this method. day. But THE SUN does not believe Mexico hate us.

Pituitary Regulation.

The twenty-seventh verse of the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. MATTHEW will lose its point if California continue as they are re- now in force in our hospitals. ported to have begun. A professor of biochemistry in the great school at Berkeley is said to have isolated tethelin, "a substance produced in the anterior lobe of the pituitary body" at the base of the brain.

The peculiar virtue of this pith is its control over corporal growth. If it has indeed been "isolated," and if its properties are correctly understood, and if its operations can be controlled after isolation, remarkable results may be expected. Not only may we add cubits to our stature. but we may correspondingly regulate our weight, and where the muscular equipment is not laid on symmetrically we may correct the error of nature's prentice hand.

First basemen may grow long of arm and sprinters long in the leg. Football squads will be prodigiously beefy. Traffic policemen may develop a commanding altitude. House painters may work in teams of four or five baustive inquest. But they take up graded heights. There will be no more need of stepladders in stores and libraries, for clerks can be fitted to the shelf strata.

Even Democratic diplomats may be gin to put on weight.

Hospital Surgeons.

In a recent number of the Modern Hospital Dr. S. S. GOLDWATER, whose observation as superintendent of a years, offers some vuluable suggestions which may well be taken to heart by the public, which is likely to become the sufferer or beneficiary of the appointed staff, Dr. Gold WATER insists that lay trustees are more impartial in the designation of medical appointees than medical men gacious politician of many years ex- would be because they are less likely perience, and he knows as well as to be influenced by personal or proanybody else that the election laws fessional relation with the candidates; of New York are unnecessarily com- on the other hand, it would be unwise plex, entail heavy expense on the for the lay trustee to depend entirely taxpayers and render the act of vot- upon his judgment in technical mating far more difficult than it should ters. For this reason it has been He is fully aware of the fact found that safety lies in a joint committee. He especially emphasizes the some and burdensome and that it advantage of making appointments posts the State a great sum annually provisional and the abolition of the

It is a singular fact that the most capable business men do not usually has appointed a committee to study obtain the services of the most capable bers of this committee will obey the of industry employ in that most imes of their good sense and not portant capacity for themselves and allow themselves to be guided en their families to realize this truth. tirely by political cowardice. If they Tact, personal magnetism and not inhave courage they will advocate the frequently capacity for a good game restoration of the State and district of golf or cards appear to weigh more nominating conventions, reform of the in this vital matter than experience in ballot so that a straight ticket can be practice or research work. The head easily voted, and generally the resto- of a corporation who would not dream ration of the machinery of election to of appointing an admiralty or real implicity. The registration law also estate lawyer to protect the legal innvites their scrutiny; there should be terests of his institution does not ewer obstacles in the way of getting hesitate to employ a professor of mida qualified elector's name on the poll | wifery as his family physician to treat him for typhoid fever.

For this reason it is important that the personal predilection of the hosof citizens until they are a Chinese pital trustee be counterbalanced by the professional predilection of the is time some consideration was shown | hospital surgeon in the conference committee.

The personnel of the medical staff is acutely discussed by Dr. Gold-WATER from the standpoint of practi cal observation. He wisely counsels who is so popular as to have several hospital appointments or whose large private clientele occupies too much time to enable him to be interested in surgeon rush into the word, ask the house staff "Anything new?" rapidly pass through the ward, then with taining the dressings at one end of a at the other end of the corridor a patient's wound has been exposed in readiness for the visiting surgeon, whose time is too precious to await the removal of the dressings.

The full time pay surgeon has recently become popular. While he has inconsequentials to irrelevancies with simple time to devote to each case be the sole idea that somehow some time is usually too young in practice to be things in Mexico will straighten them- as capable as the formerly popular selves out satisfactorily. Mr. Wilson type of visiting surgeon. For teaching purposes such a surgeon is to be referred, but it is a great mistake on the part of the medical schools to depend entirely upon these otherwise excellent young men who have graduated from an internship to the place of an assistant and thence to the ferent from ours. These national as- higher position, without experience in private practice, to complete the train- and wholesome seems to Mr. Gilman ing of students. This is a point not

The fees of the surgeon present a Much time and wear and tear are excompensation, excepting the opporexperience aquired. Success in suradvice, the less we insist upon in gery without attachment to a hospi-

matters of Mexican internal admin- tal is difficult to obtain, since labora- asm of an American critic, is scorned istration, the safer will be the rela- tory work for diagnosis is its chief by a distinguished Frenchman. tions between the two countries for basis. The prevalent keen competi-

surgeon who is connected with a large number of hospitals physically incapacitate him for doing the best work in any one of these but it debars many capable men from attaining high positions which they may merit. The latter handicap is now happily diminished by the European method the scientists of the University of of an age limit for hospital surgeons,

Since the former disinclination to enter a hospital for treatment has given way to the intelligent appreciation of the advantages frequently arising from such treatment, citizens need to be well informed on all questions pertaining to the management of the institutions to which they entrust their lives.

Resolutions.

There are several kinds of resolutions which require notice at this or another man to understand it. time. Resolutions which resolve partake of the nature of analysis and clear up difficulties; these are rare. Resolutions which are kept are still rarer. Resolutions which merely resolute are the common kind. New Year's resolutions are proportionally divided among the three varieties.

It would contribute much to knowledge of the human mind and will if aken. The resolutions which resolve are those which review the past, straighten out old and erroneous conlarge hospital extends over many eventually we shall see a life ad- lively controversy among golfers. vancing evenly along a straight course. That is the finest spectacle tion of the rules must be left to the the world affords.

The resolutions which are kept and have set apart, for they age what the of no doubt. But there will always great numbers of men must perforce be instances in golf as there are in is actually a resolving of the past in tigation has used his proficiency in the light of the present for the shaping of the future. Most of us have tion of amateurism will be hard to neither the self-trained minds to confuct such an analysis nor the understanding to read it when made. We must rely not on our intellects but on our wills. The poor, dumb soldiers among us in the battle of life cannot grasp strategy or tactics. They can only leap bravely into the breach and hold it at all costs. So, when we find our minds unequal to the task, we but exert our wills the more strongly. the election laws and recommend medical men for their families. One We draw the sword of determination times they overshadow for a moment tion of the nature and origin of sin. changes in them. We hope the memined only to know whom our captains and with cry of battle fling ourselves the fundamental considerations in There is no proof of a fall, either physiupon the foe.

We don't know what the real foe is, and at it! We highly resolve not to practitioners of any sport. drink, not to indulge ourselves, to do unto others, to stop wasting, to set our teeth and be brave. And sometimes we keep to our pledges. There are glorious moments when one or two or three among us take and hold against every assault Hill 27 or 34 or that the tactics should have been different we are unduly disheartened.

comes from within. And that defeat New York city last year 67,000 chilcan never be averted. It gnaws at the vitals of the most brilliant attack. But if it be absent the hardest pressed defence keeps a stout heart. The defeat within us comes only when we have starved our minds and hearts "cultural." The truth about educafor the sake of some external objective. It comes when we give over thinking our own thoughts, or thinking at all, for the sake of something outside-money, social position, "success." Then we conquer many square miles and find we have not the wherewithal to hold them.

Meanings in Music.

In a diverting article which opens long corridor indicating that the sur- the January number of the Musical Quarterly Mr. LAWRENCE GILMAN considers the uncertainties of musical taste. He thinks that "in all the arts save the art of music we are, in this matter of taste, dealing with a faculty whose operations are normally predictable." Even Mr. W. D. Howells allows that "Don Quixote" is a great book, although he finds no place for GEORGE MEREDITH'S women in his "Heroines of Fiction." WALTER PA-TER admired "Henry Esmond." It is rue that Swinsurne spoke meanly fortunately damning the law will not of EURIPIDES, but Mr. GILMAN thinks MATTHEW ARNOLD would have uttered sound praise of the "Spoon River Anthology."

But in music all this critical certitude of what is fundamentally good to be missing. "Parsifal" is "mar- of war to end problems.—Testimony bevellous" to one person fit to judge and fore the Senate Committee on Military "decrepit stuff" to another. A work VERNON BLACKBURN as the finest com- suffer. George Moore "holy water in a Gerthe most dissentient opinions; even "Carmen," which excites the enthusi- a hotel.

Mr. GILMAN is too experienced and some time to come. Perhaps the Ad- tion for unsalaried hospital physi- penetrating an observer not to know ministration will see this in time to claus indicates that the latter are not the chief reason for this state of afsought for altruistically. We are sur- fairs, a reason presented with much If it be said that there is one thing prised to learn that the trustees of clarity by Thomas Whitney Surette and one thing only that we must in the most important municipal hospilin the current Atlantic Monthly. sist upon, while tactfully leaving Mex- tal in New York city pay chiefs of People will persist in trying to find ico alone as much as possible, namely. their medical and surgical depart- in the music they listen to definite ments for a minimum of four hours thoughts and pictures expressible in in Mexico, the answer is that we come daily service. Doubtless better service words. There is something pathetic in the eternal effort to translate music FOREIGN RATES.

DAILY, Per Month.

1 25 that it is too late to take a simple, BUNDAY, Per Month.

DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Month.

1 26 definite, firm stand on our one right, one only does the appointment of a sic is not the expression of thoughts, moods or images, but of something in been found.

The unpretending fellow who listens to a popular street tune and likes it without knowing why is wiser than the most intellectual auditor who strains to evolve a message out of symphonic tumult. Why struggle so? municated to you and you will depart a better and ennobled man. When you look at a beautiful building you do not try to put in words what the architect could only embody in imperishable stone.

Music is for things that words canenables one man to write true music,

As every student of sports knows. it is not difficult to draft a comprehensive and reasonable rule defining lively discussion that has been in a census of resolutions could be progress in the United States Golf Association since OUIMET, SULLIVAN porker. and Tewksbury of the Woodland Golf Club were barred from amateur clusions and in the clear light of tournaments under the association's frame new policies to guide the fu- committee in these cases has now ture. This sort of resolution presup- been upheld by the association, which poses mental maturing in the twelve- has also voted to adopt the proposed month passed. If the mind has really amendments under which course and yet be able partly to correct a sionals. This makes the attitude of fault of direction. Each year will see the association more strict than it has a small rectification of the path and been and will unquestionably provoke

In the final analysis the applica judgment of the authorities. In most cases their course will be clear; the the game to his advantage in violathe menaced player will have an influence, if not with the judges, certainly in the number and vigor of his defenders.

The hardships flowing from insistamateurism are apparent, and somebut we strike blindly at the thing be wholly clean, and that popularity gance, cowardice? No matter. Up in the classification of golfers or the

> Has Colonel House been commissioned to confer with the Russian investigators in the Bergen county theatre of war?

While THOMAS W. CHURCHILL, for-415 in the field of the unending of. Education, lashes the colleges befensive. If it turns out afterward cause they pay more attention to white shirt fronts and Greek vases than to overalls and soup plates, a dentist reporting on the bad condition There is no defeat except that which of school children's teeth says: "In advertised colleges make swimming a requirement for the academic degree, and the tests of the tank and the dentist's chair seem more practical than tion is hard to get at.

> many .- Newspaper headline. "Prussian rule" decreed its own destruction. The Allies are the agents, not the initiators, of the decline and fall which is ultimately inevitable.

A Paterson, N. J., man has advertised for a housemaid, offering the highest wages and free use of the family automobile. In the present dearth of domestic servants is it not unnecessarily reckless to trust the household jewel in a devil wagon?

College has been trying to define "efficiency," and has at last decided that it means "usefulness for something." That may have been the case once but at present efficiency means the addition of several acres of filing cabi-

GEORGE W. GOETHALS. And so the ditch was dug. Un-

produce stability along the course of

Students from Columbia, Yale and Harvard said that discussions of international problems had almost ceased at their institutions as a result of the Platts-burg camps and that a decided tendency was becoming manifest to think in terms

Let us hope that discussion of the problem that is not easily solved, of Elgan's which was appraised by chances of the football teams did not

Naturally a Hotel Controversy From Law Notes.

Grubb vs. House, 51 Wash. Dec. 115, a sult for damages for eviction from THE PORKFIGHT.

"As I picture it to myself," said Mr. Trudge, "the impending battle with pork in Washington will bear some resemblance to the exciting encounters the plaza de toros. Have you eve cen a bullfight? Mr. Budge said he had not

"Well, I saw one in Seville," Mr. which I think the porkfight is likely

the plain people sitting on the sunny get away had taken strong hold. side of the plaza-or in the bleachers,

as we should put it. The message is there, and if you are These are the Congressmen who have sion. worthy to receive it it will be com- nothing against pork in general but in the courts, the oppression of the il-

"The who?" inquired Mr. Budge. not utter. Its expression follows cer- fix in the bull's neck," explained Mr. but strange as it may seem the terror ied. But no knowledge of these laws gressmen who are clever on their feet deeply moving the Southern negro a and who will exhibit their skill by does the loss of his rights as a citizen. planting darts in the porker. While

glittering appropriations. professionalism, but it is a matter of nal is given for the death stroke. The right of citizenship, better educational the utmost delicacy to apply it to inhis best banderillero, maybe, who will North of Southern negroes was dis-carry his cloak ready to distract the cussed in a weekly meeting of negro the first stroke is not fatal as may well of Southern negroes for the North cry. retrospect reach new verdicts and control. The act of the executive stroke left, the descabello. This consists a chorus of "Amen." in driving the rapier straight down | These people coming up from the developed it may still be immature architects will be classed as profes- ill delivered arouses the anger of the such a united movement on the part of audience. Have we any one adroit the negro ministers of the North in the enough to execute the descabello?" "Burton of Ohio could have done it. emarked Mr. Budge.

ADAM'S FAMOUS SNACK. Apple, Lemon or Quince, Maybe

Was All for the Best. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. whether the individual under inves- (Citrus medica) is said by some writers dwelling in the Garden of Eden with When God called upon Adam to explain appreciated than before what he had done. Adam put the blame ence on a high standard and the uni. on Eve. Yet this story of the fall of form enforcement of a rigid rule of man is never appealed to in the Old Testament, either as a historical event or as supporting a theological construc-

volved. But it is beyond question that | cal or moral; in fact, all evidence points if amateur sport is to be clean it must to a rise from primitive imperfection to visibly in front of us. Is it drink, or skill cannot be substituted for explained, the forbidden fruit has borne bullets is in the wrong department. He ers up to public shame and I dare say to have said that it would be some petty vice, selfishness, extrava- strict compliance with the regulations many pomaceous names, but in general ought to be testing blank cartridges they will think twice before offending thing if 99 per cent of the magazine it is known as Citrus paradisi; in Lon-don as the shaddock (Citrus decumana); from a hammerless gun in a sound proof Let all shor

in Italy as Adam's apple, a variety of cabinet.

Citrus limetta, and in Paris as the sweet — It is almost incredible that such a fool shun them skinned orange, a variety of Citrus au- stunt could be pulled off in a plant manrantrum. Other authorities have asseried that the forbidden fruit was the
we boys never used to cut loose with the this evil by visiting Boston, Providence, Epit. H. VEE. Adam the quince? NEW YORK, January 13.

Babylonian Versions of the Fall Ante-

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE A Babylonian cylindrical seal which has been for many years in the department, the event was staged by some of the dren failed to be promoted because of of Oriental antiquities in the British terests of advertising defective teeth." Some of our best Museum shows the scene of the Temptaof Oriental antiquities in the British tion, a man and a woman seated on opposite sides of a small fruit bearing tree, the woman's head turned toward a serpent, which is in an upright position. esting on the tip of its tail, apparently gesting rather a fig. or perhaps a small

ing part of the third tablet in the Babylowing being a translation of the in-

The command was established in the gar-

The sweet juice which injures the body. Great is their sin. Themselves they exalted. To Merodach, their Redeemer, he [the public what it does not mean,

god Sarl appointed their fate.

"It is almost impossible," adds the translator, "not to see in this fragment "Damn the law! I want the canal the pith of the story of the Fall, while uilt!"—President Roosevel. to Colonel the last line at once brings Merodach before us as the one who would defeat the Tempter and restore the fallen." Professor Boscawen does not explain what the Asnan may be, but Professor Sayce, the distinguished Oxford Assyriologist, says ("Verdict of the Monuments." p. 104) that the word signifies "pine cone," and Merodach is one name

of the Babylonian divinity Bel. "Adam," it may be added, is the common Babylonian word for "man." and many other familiar terms, including "Sabbath" and "Sinai," existed in the Babylonian or Sumerian tongues centuries before they appeared in the Hebrew Bible NEW YORK, January 13.

From the Wadley Register.

As a token of our appreciation of you

A NEGRO MIGRATION.

The Movement From the South Political as Well as Economic. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: No.

groes are leaving the South by the thousand, more want to leave and more wish to better their economic condition Trudge began. "I will not rehearse it that is causing this departure of neor you, but will tell you the points in gross from the South. It is more of a sort of quiet revolution against the oppression and repression to which South-"First there is a procession, a bril- ern negroes have been subjected for iant affair, and I judge that the public many years. The spirit of revolution building bill when advanced to a third has manifested itself in simply leaving reading will be quite as imposing. All the South. Of course the demand for the items will be represented and there labor in the North opened the door of for the courtesy of anonymity, will be much flourishing of trumpets, opportunity, but the restiveness of the hose Congressmen who correspond to for better or for worse, the desire to

The disfranchisement laws, more than anything else, have created the feeling When the first large prime piece of of unrest and discontent on the part of when the first large prine piece of the Southern negro. His relegation to pork has been let into the arena there the Southern negro. His relegation to Vitrimont is, or was, about two miles passed along the single wind and a half from Luneville on the east-of Vitrimont on her return: animal. The picadors with their lances to him of civic justice, has been a too ern French front. As is the case with at rest will charge him on horseback, bitter pill to swallow in mere submis-The uneven chance in litigation who feel that they were not sufficiently literate and helpiess negro by and remembered in the bill. Theirs will be through the processes in the petty courts, a purely businesslike assault rather these and other minor persecutions play perfunctorily performed. The real fun a part in creating the determined movewill begin when the banderilleros ap- ment to get out of the South and go "The fellows with banderillas, barbs something to do with adding to the feeldecorated with paper frills, which they ing that has brought about this exodus,

tain laws of form which may be stud- Trudge, "The banderilleros are the Con- of lynching does not go so far in Miss Daisy Polk to go to Herbert joyed. A negro minister who was recently they are getting in their fine work in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and other there will be much cape play. Other Southern States is authority for the to excite the statement that leading negro ministers porker by drawing attention to past and many leading negroes indorse the follies in the shape of extravagant and movement to get away from the South advising their congregations that it The big thrill comes when the sig- means protection under the law, the

you may take your choice of his dom from the increasing wrongs of the names-will come forward followed by South. This subject of the coming which the death stroke may be given. as a leading minister, who had been I can't remember the names. But if South, told of the wholesale departure be the case, there is only one artistic ing out to "let them come," there was

The spinal marrow South to the States of the North and pierced. The great brute bows his West will soon be voters, and their leadhead to the sand, bends his knees and ers in this section are keeping this in collapses. The stroke is difficult, and if mind. Never before has there been matter of urging negro voters to qualify for voting. "You want to help those left down there in the South by voting ip here," is the way the negro ministers in the North are stating their appeals. and towns in the South to come to the

in the South from the rural districts to the resolutions which just resolute we evidence will be of a kind to admit any attempt to find the precise location the cities and towns to take the places of the Garden of Eden must prove fu- of those gone North. This in a meastile, so also any attempt to ascertain ure is a betterment of the condition of be content with. The majority are other sports in which the question edge is doomed to failure. The etrog some increase in wages but also an ada have been the forbidden fruit which Rural education for negroes in the South Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of means a sixty day school, while in the Eden. According to Biblical record, towns and cities there are six and eight answer. In such cases not only the Adam, Eve was approached by the ser- months. The departure of the negroes written law but the personality of pent and tempted to partake of the for- for the North, it will be seen, has made opportunities for the country pegroes t to her husband, who likewise ate it, then take their places, and it also makes the both discovered their nakedness and labor of the country negroes who do made themselves aprons of fig leaves, not go to the city or town a bit more

JOSEPH C. MANNING. NEW YORK, January 13.

PEACE HATH ITS PERILS. Strange Ideas of the One Sided Battle of Hartford.

quince. Cydonia japonica. So, which old 44 Henry rifle, the prototype of the R. L. or other New England cities. was which-Eve the lemon to eat it, or Winchester, without regard to the danger of stray bullets, and more than one woodchuck had a longer lease of life because he chanced to be outlined against the sky or was located where a bullet might ricochet and do harm

> some evil minded person may instruate. Hartford insurance companies in the in-

The Politician at Church

before being condemned to crawl upon refusal of the President to keep his its belly. (Genesis iti., 14.) The fruit engagement and step over from the when accusing the peers of too much hange from the lowest branch of the White House to St. John's Church at tree and in shape is not at all like an the celebration of its one hundredth anapple, being more elongated and sug- niversary has excited no end of talk earth is the Lords' and the fulness in this town-just as if the President had never before changed his mind. If More than twenty years ago Profes- he has conscientious scruples against for Boscawen found a fragment, form- appearing in public within a few feet of Senator Lodge of course he enjoys a lonian creation series, which specifically right to act accordingly. I understand describes the fruit in question, the fol- that Colonel House is not in the least responsible for this

From a source that I am not at tib erty to disclose I learn that the President den of the god.

The Asnan (fruit) they are, they broke in two,

Its stalk they destroyed.

The awart lules which it was nosable for that it does not disturb the first stalk they destroyed. while Secretary Lansing is getting ready to explain as soon as the note is made

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13.

From the Philadelphia Evening Ledge,

On mornings cold, like these, I glow With vim and aspiration As on the eight thirteen I go Past station after station.

I never get a chance to look At papers or to smoke, for I'm delving through my pock To placate the conductor, My ticket, somewhere in the folds Of that infernal leather

Lurks, hidden by the trash it holds All jumbled up together.

recipe for julep and Some golf scores of the leaders, whist hint, "How to Play Your Hand And "Court Warns Motor Speeders."

A cancelled check, a broken pin Some fishhooks tied with cotts A note from Hayle on "How to At Poker"—(but it's rotten).

A few old notes, a bid to dine, And "Spanish Conversation," Some keys, a place to go for wine. A tract on "Man's Salvation."

Conductor giars, my trainmater smir.
While I wax hot and gritty.
Believe me—all I do is work
Until we reach the city.

WORK OF AMERICAN WOMEN IN WAR BROKEN VILLAGE OF FRANCE.

The People of Vitrimont, a Town Being Rebuilt by a California Benefactor. Call Her Agent "Mademoiselle Chèz-nous."

Crocker of California represents a rare name which the people of the villagform of American ambition to plant have bestowed upon her. It seem hope in the heart of a devastated land, that when she went there to look the The account, as herein related, comes ground over the people at once became

post offices defile past there will negro in the far Southern States was contribution to the solace of a dis- know-what can be known of certainty the man for which no name has ever be loud cheers from the porklovers, such that the point was reached where, tressed people, Mrs. Crocker decided that she would give back to the citi- constant sentries at the door of every zens of the quaint Vitrimont their little town. "just as they had it and loved to-morrow in which they would see he it, and not the way we Americans again. But she did come again. Th think it ought to be."

Vitrimont is, or was, about two miles passed along the single winding street most of the villages of the Lorraine country, everything has been laid in ugly outline against a backgroup waste and only a melancholy caricature remains to mark the place where snow on the straggling road the droop prosperity and peace were domiciled, ing figure of a girl with a violin case The people, those who did not go to A woman violinist in the snow of a the war or to other hamlets on being desolate war mutilated country looked deprived of their homes, are cared for where there is more of a square deal in provisionary shelters and in about sor grinding machine in the tor the average man. Lynching has ten houses which have been put up to accommodate them.

do for France, Mrs. Crocker requested of the people of Vitrimont were over Relief in Belgium, for consultation. little boy, and for want of ability to re Miss Polk was in Europe, where she member her name he added. "Made had been studying the violin. With moiselle Chez-nous! characteristic diplomatic sense and Chez-nous!" promptness Mr. Hoover at once es- Home-With-Us" she has been even tablished the proper lines of communi- since. cation, and acting upon the advice of French Government circles a plan was she has made gay with chintz and evolved.

geraniums, and whenever it is to be

A Lorraine architect was employed obtained a pot of marguerites. to restore the entire village to its for- crockery is reflected in the shine mer aspect as exactly as possible; this bright tins. Miss Polk bought a little with the exception of adding sanitary runabout, needed in her work trave. improvements and enlarging the air ling about the country. spaces between the houses and the next to the last car of its kind to animal shelters. After careful con- had. Since taking it into her possession sideration on the part of those she has experienced all manner of diff. engineering the plan it was thought culties owing to the trouble in getting best not to give each person back the automobile parts. whole value of his or her house. It was decided to give 40 per cent, out- long in certain circles has to do with right. The remaining 60 per cent, on an enterprising young newspaper a low rate of interest is loaned and is woman who sought the office of the to be repaid by the individual whose French Press Bureau in order to property is returned out of the indemnity which is to be given by Vitrimont. She was referred to Ma France when the war is over.

The former Vitrimont is described informed that for some reason the tr as a typically picturesque French vil- to Vitrimont would be impossible as lage with only one street, which ends in range. As one of the available was the cemetery. Fortunately, it is stated, of meeting the requests of newspape the little twelfth century church was correspondents and others of legitionly slightly damaged during the bom- mate purpose. It seems that litt bardment. This then will merely re- parties of five or six are made up and quire repairs sufficient to renovate the permitted to visit certain sections. The building. The idea, it is understood, is lady in this story was told that instead to put back the houses where they of the trip to Vitrimont she migwere before as nearly as can be ar- join a group of six going to the Veste ranged. As a new invasion is not ex- But she was not to be sidetracked. pected in this territory it has been leemed safe to start the work. The "What I want is to be turned loss broken walls are already coming down, alone to browse along the French though the snow and cold of winter front!" ire making this difficult. It is hoped that two or three houses will be fails nor betrays itself the inished by April.

mate how much it would cost to make number of reasons why she might the Vitrimont gift of restoration, set be "turned loose alone" to "brows the approximate sum at \$100,000. The bright particular figure in this

WHERE IS DR. EMERSON? He Might Profitably Give a Little At- By What Authority Would Mr. Moon tention to Spitters.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL Allow me to add my protest to that of chairman of the Committee on Post Of E. W. A." as published in Tuesday's nee and Poet Roads in the House Sun on the ever present splitting evil. I use the Breoklyn Bridge subway Representatives in recen As Mr. Appleton Appleby has aptly who sprinkled the city of Hartford with disgraceful condition. Hold the offend- on second class publications

> Let all show their displeasure by looks or words at public spitters and lies, should go out of husban entire Our Health Commissioner could get

some information as to how to control BROOKLYN SUBWAY. New York, January 13.

The Lords' Work.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. Mr. James C. Grey errs when he says the the fulness thereof" is on the Mansion deprive possibly millions of House. This is not the case, as it is on the Reyal Exchange, which is opposite the Bank of England.

It is interesting to note that the present Fremier, Mr. Llayd George, during subscription rates. The result we the general election in December, 1910. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The which practically settled the destinies and fortunes of the House of Lords, said, power, that the inscription on the Royal Exchange should be changed to "The

> That the Lords are supporting him these days goes to prove that Great Britain is determined to see the war RALPH P. SYMONS. through: New York, January 13.

TRADE BRIEFS.

A law amending the workmen's compemust now be paid in money Rubber plantations are becoming more numerous in the Straits Settlements. The cultivation of other crops has suffered as an dumfounded at the

In 1915 the United States supplied 58.96 woman stenographers, Some of the ner cent, of Venezuela's total imports, dain to soil their fingers in The goods chipped from this country were typewriter clean enough in

valued at \$7.940.210.
Oil has been tried with success as a fuel on the lake steamers in Venezuela. In 1915 extensive development of the oil lands of that country was made.

working condition. The girl working condition. The girl working condition the ribbon when the candy kitchen or the ribbon of that country was made. salued at \$7.943.210.

Coarse cotton underwear makes good sales where she fits in better in Maracalbe, Venezuela.

Canners on the Pacific coast are con an amanuemis are: First. equipment devoted to canning salmen. One to transcribe notes repair to the same of gray.

An Editor of Discretion.

United States and the National Guard of her tools clean and tidy all the States to protect we hourly for the next fifteen years we should like to go down to the station and get the name on each package of liquor as it comes in and publish the entire list. The stronger the guard the safer we would feel after such a list should go out.

| New York, January 13.

The story of the restoration of Vitri- little war drama is Miss Polk. "Made. ont, France, by Mrs. William H. moiselle Chez-nous" is the affectionate from a reliable source with a request interested in the sympathetic and bright American girl. She went away After considering what should be her after the first visit and they did no in a place where alarm and anxiety ar heart?-that there would ever be is the picture given of

> "Imagine a straggling road, the gaunt walls of buildings standing u of immaculate snow. And there in the about as incongruous as might a seis

When they found she had Having decided what she wanted to back, and to stay, those who were left

"So you have come back!" cried en-Mademoiselle

An anecdote which promises to b tain necessary permission to get Polk's office in Paris. There she wa

"No!" she is quoted as saving

With French courtesy woman doubtless had explained to be Some one, on being asked to esti- with gentleness and forbearalong the French front.

POSTAL ZONES.

Regulate the People's Reading meaning apparently all second period cals, whether weekling of

or be killed off by excessive postage : Chairman Moon is trying to do Who is Mr. Moon that he should elde for the American people what? ought to read and what they ought to read? Every periodical that to to build up a substantial subsemp list is entitled to exist, on the erethat it provides literature which so the taste of some people or thee we not pay for it.

The proposed increase in postage would destroy small, though worthy, public only literature that comes a t be the only ones to surviv would have to increase here to create a monopoly in the p business, directly antagoni policy of the Government in lines of industry. The propose tion would be a measure in restrict trade, which the Government

Those who do not wish heavy tax placed upon their read ng? ter, in addition to their other ! should at once write to their men and enter a strong probthe proposed increase in post It would be just as log all

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NICE GIRLS AND RIBBONS

Profit by This Hint To THE EDITOR OF THE competence and pdifferen

The most important regi rately. Second, correctness and a sufficient knowledge of lish language to enable her to write ters without dictation. Third From the Pageland Journal.

Monday of this week fifty-three money orders were issued at the post office here, and thirty-nine of them were for liquor. If we had the regular army of the should keep her desk, her types of the should kee